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Government have also decided to increase the existing maintenance grant for maternity and child-welfare centres run by local bodies from 25 per cent to 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred, in the case of local bodies which cannot meet three-fourths of the cost from their own funds.

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) The information is furnished below :—

Name of the private body.	Amount of grant.	By whom given.
	Rs.	
Red Cross Society M. & C.W. Centre ..	200	District Board, Nellore.
St. Mary's Convent Creche, Nellore ..	1,300	Government.
Indian Red Cross Society Voluntary Health Centre, Cocanada.	100	Municipal Council, Cocanada.
Mettur Township Committee	87	Government (1944–45).
Do.	253	Do. (1945–46).
Saidapet Health Association	250	Municipal Council, Saidapet.
Baby Welcome Home, Trichinopoly ..	300	Municipal Council, Trichinopoly.
Tuticorin Ladies' Association M. & C.W. Centre.	1,2.0	Municipal Council, Tuticorin.
St. Anne's Ayyampet Child Welfare Centre.	200	District Board, Tanjore.
Servants of India Society, Puduponnani.	328	Government.

" (*f*) The question is not clear. If the question is whether the Government will give grants to all approved private institutions for running the centres, the answer is ' Yes '. No one can possibly object to co-ordination in principle."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether the post-war period has begun in respect of this scheme, or is it yet to begin? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It has begun, Sir." (Laughter.)

Improvement of the Stanley Hospital, Rayapuram.

* 177 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any comprehensive programme for the improvement of the Stanley Hospital to make it fit to be recognized as a collegiate institution ; if so, what part of the scheme is to be taken up in 1947–48 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Stanley Hospital cannot expand without acquiring the site of the Monegar Choultry ;

(*c*) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for housing chronic invalids of the Stanley Hospital by utilizing the Monegar Choultry as the neucleus of the scheme ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that if the site of the old Monegar Choultry is alienated to the Stanley Hospital, it is proposed that

the old Civil Jail buildings should be acquired for housing the inmates of the choultry and converting it into an infirmary for the chronic invalids;

(*e*) which was the first institution to apply for the acquisition of the old Civil Jail buildings, and

(*f*) whether the Government have given priority to the Stanley Hospital in its expansion schemes and whether provision has been made in the scheme for the acquisition of the Monegar Choultry?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Surgeon-General has submitted a programme of improvements to the Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, to make it conform to the standards required of a collegiate institution. The programme is under the consideration of the Government. If and when the programme is finally approved, it will be decided what part of the scheme should be taken up first.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The scheme is under consideration and no purpose can be served by giving the details of the proposals made by the Surgeon-General.

" (*d*) The old Civil Jail buildings have been allotted to the Industries Department for a School of Technology and are not available to the medical department. The Surgeon-General has been asked to report what modification the scheme requires in view of the above fact.

" (*e*) The Joint Director of Industries and Commerce addressed the Government in the matter earlier than the Surgeon-General.

" (*f*) The scheme, as stated in answer to (*a*) and (*b*) above, is still under consideration, and provision can be made for any parts of it only after the scheme is finally sanctioned."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I know what part of the scheme will be taken up in 1947–48? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are calling a conference on the 2nd May and this matter will be considered at that conference."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I mention, Sir, that the Rayapuram Hospital is one of the oldest hospitals and is now having a college also; I think they find it very difficult to expand their work in this respect unless they can provide accommodation for patients in the old Jail Buildings and the Monegar choultry. I hope the Government will take this into consideration and take the necessary steps, as the Rayapuram Hospital has been pressing for a long time for expansion."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is exactly for the reason stated by the hon. the lady Member, Sir, that this programme of improvement is now being considered."